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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
PHILIPPE GAYET, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2814
Serial No.: 10/046,322)
Filed: October 23, 2001) Examiner: P. Cao
For: INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH)
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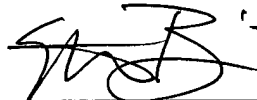
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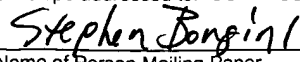
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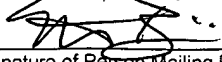
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